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Fish habitat improvement project at Tionesta Lake

[TIONESTA LAKE](#) – Volunteers are being sought for the annual Adopt-A-Lake Fish Habitat Improvement Project at Tionesta Lake on Saturday, May 21, 2005. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and the Forest County Conservation District will be installing porcupine cribs to improve fish habitat in Tionesta Lake.

Porcupine cribs, constructed of 2-inch cut lumber, resemble porcupine quills when the corners of the structures are put together. Micro invertebrates collect on the lumber, creating a place for aquatic insects to bore and food for the fish. Another benefit of the cribs is fish cover. The small openings in the structures provide necessary cover for juvenile fish to grow to maturity, thus improving fishing opportunities at the lake.

After the porcupine cribs are constructed and concrete blocks are added to the floor of the structures, they are loaded on a boat and dropped into the lake. Officials of the Fish and Boat Commission's Habitat Management Section have designated strategic locations for installations.

Volunteers for the annual Adopt-A-Lake Fish Habitat Improvement Project should gather at the Tionesta Lake Boat Launch Area at 8:00 a.m. Volunteers should dress for the weather as the fish habitat installation will be conducted rain or shine. Appropriate foot wear and gloves are highly recommended.

For more information on the Adopt-A-Lake Fish Habitat Improvement Project contact the Forest County Conservation District at 814-755-3560.

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